

OLD TIME DRILLER SPINS YARN TELLS OF GREAT OIL GUSHER HE'S BIGGEST LIAR IN THE FIELD

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Oil drippers love to lie about the wells they have brought in. And the older the driller, the larger the well. Don't believe us. Read the yarn relayed to The Herald by a grizzled old superintendent who has drilled holes on four continents. Here it is, and we submit it as the record yarn of the local field. The old driller talking, ladies and gentlemen:
"I've drilled holes as dry as a circuit-riding preacher in the Mojave desert at high noon in July. And I've drilled 'em as wet as a mining camp town on Saturday night in 1850.

A Real Old-Timer
"I was in this game of hide and seek with nature when most of these young dukes that talk now about big wells didn't know any more about oil than what they learned when their mothers poured a spoonful of juice from the castor bean down their infant gullets.
"And they talk about oil wells!"
"What was the biggest well you ever saw come in?" I asked the old-timer.
"That's a hard question to answer, sonny," he replied as he bit off a large chew from a black plug; "but I think it was in Roumania.

When She Came In
"Yeah, it was in Roumania—and when old Bozo No. 1 come in the mania that had been in Roumania before was as quiet as London, Ontario, on Easter Sunday, compared to the boom that followed.
"I'm up the derrick stacking, one day, when we're drilling that well ahead at 1800 feet. We don't know anything about the structure because there isn't any production within 500 miles.
"The bit is grinding away in hardpan, black as Uncle Tom, and I'm practicing spitting into the wind—which you've got to learn before you're an oil man who deserves to be called same.
"The first thing I know I hears a roar that sounds like a dinosaur coon in his mate in them untutored paleolithic days before men became civilized and started shooting each other with machine guns. I sinks my fingernails into the wood and shuts my eyes.

His Return to Well
"The next day when I comes to in Sofia, Bulgaria, it dawns on my conscience that there is one more oil well in the world.
"I goes back to Roumania, and before I gets 40 miles from the location of that gusher the sky is pouring down oil so thick that them native Roumanians is catching it in hogsheads.
"I gets a diver's suit and starts hiking, for the falls are washed out in so many places the train can't proceed.
"Before I have gone ten miles I

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Post have returned from a two weeks' vacation at Lake Arrowhead.

have to rent a boat to go further and hire two natives to ball it out. It fills with oil in three minutes unless constantly bailed.
"When I get to the well, she has slowed down so that you could travel in a boat with only a sponge for ballin' out.

Fills Up Lakes
"For three months we make no effort to put her under control, but the directors of the company buys up all the rain barrels in Roumania and sets them out. But they fill up in no time. So we hire a gang of natives, 4000 of them, and they dig a canal to a nearby lake out of which we have pumped 900,000 barrels of aqua pura. Little side-anais is dug into the main one, and in 79 hours that lake is overflowing.
"We do the same thing with lake after lake until there isn't a pond or mill stream in that whole country that isn't full to the brim with juice from Bozo No. 1.
"In three months we chokes her with a Christmas tree and turns her into a big tank farm we have constructed. She ain't even got an oil string in her. We've only punctured an ocean of oil. She flows 200,000 barrels a day, beamed down as low as we can bear her without causing a general European earthquake.

Spud in 980 Wells
"When the oil has stopped dropping from the sky and we get a chance to give the landscape the once over, it looks like an asparagus patch for miles around. Nine hundred and eighty wells has spudded in."
"What was the gravity of the crude out of that well, Chief?" I asked the old-timer.
"It wasn't crude, my son," he answered, "it was high test gasoline."
"It certainly must have made somebody rich," I added.
"Yes, it did," he answered; "it made the whole country rich. From bonds the government sold to the folks who caught oil in pails and hogsheads before we put that baby under control, Roumanian financed seventeen Balkan wars."

More Coming
"You'll never forget that well, will you, Old-Timer?"
"Nope, not even if I try. You see, I was pirootin' around in that shower so long that every time I get overheated, to this day, my pores perspire petrol."
"Do you know any more stories?" I asked.
"I'll tell you another next week," said the old-timer.
"Are you sure Bozo No. 1 is the biggest well you ever saw come in?" I asked.
"No, I ain't positive," he replied. "You see, I've been in the game a long time."

Mr. and Mrs. James L. King and Miss Mattie Rowley enjoyed a week-end trip to Lake Arrowhead.

TORRANCE Newslets

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Paxton are driving a Buick touring car.

Miss Josephine Backus and Earl Rowley of Victorville were guests Tuesday of the latter's sisters, Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh and Miss Mattie Rowley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Woodington of Riverside were guests over the week-end of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodington, of Arlington avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Leake plan a week-end trip to Catalina.

Mr. and Mrs. George Proctor of Gramercy avenue have returned from a week's trip to Mammoth and Yosemite park.

Mr. and Mrs. William Meinke and daughter LaVerne, of Detroit, Mich., are guests at the home of the Meinke's daughter, Mrs. E. W. Boyd. The newcomers plan to remain in Southern California for at least a year.

J. H. Fess and son Kenneth reached home Saturday morning and report a most enjoyable visit amongst the home folks at Nellis Corners and Hamilton, Canada.

Edward Paxton of Lancaster, O., is visiting at the home of his brother, Leslie Paxton, of Arlington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stanger are on a two weeks' camping trip to Cedarpark Park, Lake Arrowhead, and Big Bear lake.

Mrs. J. P. Lutes left Saturday for her home in Canyon City, Colo., after several weeks' stay at the home of her brother-in-law, W. W. Mitchell, of Arlington avenue.

Mrs. Charles Wilson left Sunday for a two months' visit with her daughter and sister at Louisville and Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carran and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blanchard picnicked in Topango canyon Sunday.

Mrs. A. R. Miller and daughter Genevieve, of Cota street, have been visiting friends in Moorovia.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Woolleson were recent guests of Mrs. Fanny M. King.

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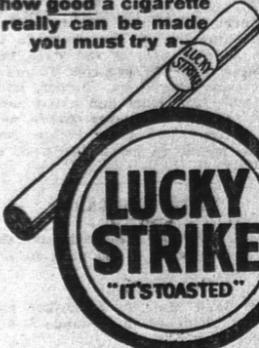
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Inman spent the week-end and holiday at Lake Arrowhead.

Mrs. George Woodward is visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Tolson at the Tolson cottage in Huntington Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Clark, Mrs. Sara Clark and Miss Mary Thomas spent Sunday and Monday at Redondo Beach.

Mrs. Russell and George Williams of Glendale were dinner guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh.

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